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SUBJECT: ARUSHA V AND JPMC

REF: (A) FLATEN/FULLER TELCON, 12/18,

(B) FULLER/BENTLEY TELCON, 12/18, (C) FULLER/PERLOW TELCON, 12/18,

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: GIVEN THE LATE NOTICE, THERE CAN BE NO USG REPRESENTATION AT THE JPMC PROPOSED FOR ARUSHA ON 12/21. WHETHER THE JPMC DISCUSSES THE FRENCH ROLE OR NOT, IT APPEARS THE FRENCH WILL NOT ATTEND EITHER. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO ALL SIDES POSTPONEMENT OF THE JPMC TO JANUARY 7-8 AND SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS UNTIL JANUARY 11 SINCE THIS MIGHT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO FORGE A CONSENSUS IN KIGALI. WE EXPECT THAT RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE WILL RAISE THE FRENCH ROLE WITH A/S COHEN DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON DECEMBER 22. END SUMMARY.

3. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES CONVERSATIONS 12/18 (REFTELCONS A-C) AND IS PROVIDED FOR POSTS' INFORMATION..

4. LTC MARLEY WILL BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO ARUSHA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JPMC MEETING SUDDENLY SCHEDULED FOR
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12/21. HE RETURNED FROM TDY ON 12/18 AND IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN A/S COHEN AND RPF CHAIRMAN ALEXIS KANYARENGWE 12/22. EMBASSY DAR POLOFF ROBERT BENTLEY CAN NOT ATTEND THE JPMC EITHER DUE TO THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR DE VOS THIS WEEKEND. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THIS TO THE TANZANIANS, THE FRENCH, THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE IN CANADA, AND THE RWANDAN EMBASSY HERE AND EXPRESSED OUR REGRET FOR BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND. WE HAVE STRESSED THAT USG ABSENCE DOES NOT IN ANY WAY INDICATE DIMINISHED INTEREST IN THE RWANDA NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ACCORDING TO PARIS POLOFF PERLOW (REFTELCON C), THE FRENCH WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JPMC EITHER. AMBASSADOR GENDREAU IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ARUSHA ON THAT DAY.

6. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE JPMC OPPORTUNE AND WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT RESCHEDULED FOR PERHAPS JANUARY 7-8 TO BE FOLLOWED BY RESUMPTION OF THE POLITICAL TALKS ON JANUARY 11. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR THE PARTY CONTACTS IN KIGALI TO BUILD A CONSENSUS. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE TANZANIANS, THE FRENCH, THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE IN CANADA, AND THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON A SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS ALONG THE LINES OF THIS SCHEDULE.

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7. RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE WILL MEET WITH A/S COHEN IN WASHINGTON ON 12/22. WE EXPECT MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION TO BE THE FRENCH MILITARY ROLE IN RWANDA AND RPF CONCERN OVER WHAT IT SEES AS HABYARIMANA'S INTRANSIGENCE IN THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE CONTINUATION OF THE CEASEFIRE, PATIENCE WHILE THE

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POLITICAL PARTIES FORMULATE A CONSENSUS IN KIGALI, AND
PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CDR IN THE
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